

## Campbell Selected

New Secretary of Town of Bassano—Council Proceedings

After wading through five applications for the position of secretary treasurer of the town of Bassano, the finance committee, who had been given authority by the council to select a man for the job, decided upon E. A. Campbell, a young man employed at the present time by the city of Calgary as chief clerk in the city clerk's office. He is 30 years of age, has been eight years with the municipal staff of Calgary, and appeared the best man for the job in every way.

The council met on Monday evening and meandered through a number of small items of business. Probably in order that the finance committee, which received a full share of attention from the ratepayer's meeting, should realize the responsibilities of office, a good deal of the work was unloaded on the secretary.

The school asked for \$3000 and received \$1900. Geo. Travis thought the school board should wait for money until the town collects school taxes but the solicitor gave it as his opinion that when the board demanded funds, it was up to the council to make up the difference as long as the demands came within certain limits. Travis thought this a poor law. He also turned verbal guns on the conduct of the school, complaining that the children used the swings and many records more than they studied. R. P. Robinson from the spectators' bench, locked horns with the controller on this question, and war was in the air for a moment.

W. H. Danes, town engineer, put in a report, recommending purchase of hay and oats direct from farmers, and giving an account of the water works system. There have been 25 breaks on the lines this year, 15 of them occurring when the pumping was limited to one period in 24 hours. He said that arrangements for two periods pumping might now be made and was advised to find out definitely by the council complimented him on the report.

J. L. Toms and H. W. Ford presented the water-meter readings. Toms has been charged with 36,000 gallons in the last quarter, and the council thought this quite a consumption. This was referred to the town engineer.

J. Eccles asked for pound of feed that the late secretary appears to have added to his salary. Com. Maurer thought the council should make allowance to Eccles, but others objected on the grounds that the council never received the money. The finance committee was loaded with the problem, to prove to the world that there is something in a name. They likewise bravely shouldered the problem of solving the question as to whether Eccles paid for pipe purchased from the town for which Mr. Carnegie is again held responsible.

The troubles of Mrs. Zelinsky expanded by Miss Jeppin Robinson, mother's pension inspector, via H. W. Ford, almost caused an uproar. There is a tragic side to the condition of this woman, and the support is liable to cost the town \$20 a month. The clerk was instructed to attempt to get the authorities to deport her.

Although there is nothing "in" the name of the finance committee to justify the council burdening that body with the selection of a secretary, Chairman Stilts and his assistants boldly undertook the duty and waded through the four-score petitions of the world-beat secessionists until the midnight hour. Campbell was their choice.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—With the intention of establishing an iron and steel industry on the lower mainland the Coast Range Steel Ltd. has been incorporated here with a capitalization of \$15,000,000. Blast furnaces and rolling mills will be erected, and it is stated positively that fifteen million dollars will be spent

## List of New Phones Installed in Town

How About 14 Subscribers in Town of Bassano, 14 Increase During November

The telephone system in Bassano now includes about one hundred and twenty phones; there having been an addition of fourteen during the past month. In order that the list of new phones may be readily available, The Mail prints the names and numbers below:

- 10. Haynes, H. R., res.
- 23. McEntee, A. L., res.
- 56. McKee, E., res.
- 19. The Bassano Mail.
- 112 Sun Cafe.
- 114 Craig, J. T.
- 107 Eccles, James, res.
- 164 Da Silva, Dr. A. F., res.
- 109 Dick, Wm., res.
- 45 Renf, Wm.
- 55 McKee, A., res.
- 60 Fortier, W., res.
- 111 McCallum, A. F., res.

### To Address Electors

The mayor has called a public meeting to be held in the town hall on Friday evening to permit candidates to address the electors and announce their policies on civic problems. This action was taken by Mayor Bredin on being presented with a petition signed by twenty electors requesting that such steps be taken. This is an innovation as town elections are concerned, although a general practice in the cities. The idea is a good one and its development will be watched with interest. Robt. Struthers was the father of the idea.

### BOWLING

The Red Guards and the White Guards had a terrific encounter yesterday evening last week at Fortier's alleys. The piccas were won:

### RED GUARDS

H. McKee	41 44	174
C. Wilson	45 37	114
A. F. Da Silva	44 54	127
McKee	62 33	127
J. Stinson	47 40 37	136
Total	688	

### WHITE GUARDS

G. H. McKee	23 27 48	115
P. H. Torgau	37 45	115
Currie	50 17	119
Milroy	45 26	119
N. Scott	53 45	106
Total	538	

### "Heart Balm"

Bassano Rancher Defendant in Suit for Affiliation of Affection

CALGARY, A—A suit for \$12,000 taken by Mr. Baker, a resident of the state of Washington, against Mr. Long, a wealthy rancher of Bassano district, and 65 years of age, for alienation of his wife's affections, has been in trial before Mr. Justice McCarthy at the supreme court here for the past day or two.

Mr. Baker, the wife, stand yesterday and sat in the courtroom while her husband discovered some correspondence between herself and the defendant. Long disclosed intimate relations between them at a hotel in Seattle, with the result that he left her in February, 1918, and brought suit for damages to recover \$12,000 damages from Long.

The case has lasted two days and only two witnesses have been examined. Mrs. Baker was on the witness stand yesterday for three and a half hours, while the rancher was cross-examined by J. M. Kinley Cameron, who is attempting to show that the action is really the suit of Mrs. Baker's who testified yesterday that she had been ill.

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# THE BASSANO MAIL

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No. 14

## Addition to Local Depot Almost Completed---Building Enlarged

Considerable Floor Space Added and More Offices put in—Better Accommodation for Travelling Public

The process of enlarging the local C.P.R. depot is almost completed now, the finishing touches being put on at the time of writing. The building has been enlarged to a length of 70 feet and very considerably improved.

The enlargement was constructed by the B. & B. department of the company, under direction of foreman J. Halliday. Jack then wired the building for lighting.

The extension provides for offices for telegrapher J. Neill, stationmaster R. D. Currie and R. Sjoeels a yard office and an express office. These are in addition to the general ticket office, baggage room and waiting rooms.

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## Demand Railway

Seventy-five determined men met in the Arrowood consolidated schoolhouse on the C.P.R. townsite. The men were representatives of the Queenstown and Arrowood U.P.A. locals. The joint meeting was held to lay definite plans to have the Soo-Blackie railroad completed.

To Interview Coleman

Hon. C. R. Mitchell is arranging a meeting of these locals with Mr. Coleman of the C.P.R. in Calgary shortly.

The surveyed road runs

through the most productive districts in Alberta and the farmers are bound to hold their grain from twenty to forty miles at an average cost of 20 cents a bushel.

In the words of Mr. McNeil and Queenstown local:

"It cost me thirty cents to market a bushel of my wheat and when I get to market the delay costs me \$1.20 per bushel in price."

"We will not see stones unturned in the face of things," stated W. G. Tracy, director of the United Farmers of Alberta, who was selected as one of the committee of three of the Arrowood local. The other two members of the committee are P. M. Noron and M. H. Ward.

Queenstown elected the following committee: Messrs. Hall, Monroe, and Glanbeck. These committees are jointly engineering the plans of the locals. Like committees, are representing all the districts between Blackie and Lomond to see Mr. Cole.

Representatives C. R. Mitchell, Davis and M. Stankey are to be on the committee to help the farmers get their rights. A house to house canvass is being carried on to get official names to show the amount of grain raised and the proposed line and the cost of marketing to show the C.P.R. officials.

One thousand dollars is being raised to carry through the farmers demand. An article was read in the "Calgary Herald" giving the attitude of the C.P.R. board of trade regarding the completion of the road. The report was received with enthusiasm and appreciation. On the possibility of the C.P.R. again refusing their demands to complete the road, the committees are authorized to get organized to build an electric municipal railway or have the C.N.R. build a branch.

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## Hanging Record

## Farming Results

TORONTO.—Twenty-nine men have been executed so far this year in Canada, was the statement made by General Arthur Ellis, who visited police headquarters today, on his way from Brandon to Montreal.

"This is the largest number of executions we ever had in one year," stated Ellis.

The total executions this year is more than double that of last year, when 14 men were executed, Ellis said.

"Of all the executions I have had in Canada in the past eleven years, 95 per cent have been foreigners," he said. "Only seven English speaking men have paid for murder in the past eleven years."

Ellis said he is paid a fee of \$125 an execution, besides receiving an permanent recompence from the government.

On the fee basis Ellis has received \$11,000 since he became chief of police.

"All executions should be centralized and carried on in provincial administration," said Ellis, "and would eliminate any local sympathy for the condemned man."

There were some very good yields of peat this year in the district, according to the following returns:

J. L. Boyer, Gem, got 41 bushels per acre.

E. Bramble, Gem, got 16 bushels of peat per acre and yielded 78 bushels of oats to the acre last year. This land was in alfalfa previously, and the soil was very rich.

E. Bramble had five acres of wheat on alfalfa and that yielded 40 bushels to the acre. This is another instance of improved yield by rotation cropping.

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C. King, Gem, 23 bushels to the acre.

The farmer in this section are making hay while the sun shines, getting their places in good shape for next year's crop.

Mrs. Boton and son have moved to Bassano for the winter.

### TURKEY SHOOT

Anchorage sport was furnished local crack shot with gun and rifle by a turkey shoot, held Saturday and Monday.

Dr. Scott, Sandrock, Wilson and a few others set their traps together and secured a corner on the turkey market.

There were so many turkeys that to dispose of the catch a bidding was erected except for competition in the school.

The school population has increased at a very rapid rate and the accommodation has not been enlarged since the present building was erected except for the securing of temporary quarters for the junior grades.

The board is in a quandary because of the expense of building and the members are anxious to take the rate-payers into consideration.

"Our school system means a great deal to Bassano," says Chairman Struthers, "and it is up to the school district to maintain the standard of the school, and we cannot do it without better accommodation."

So come out, friend rate-payer, on the eve of December 15th and have your little say.

The discussion of a letter, printed elsewhere in this issue, will also be considered.

Spaniards discovered cocaine in the world and lost no time in introducing it into Europe.

The South Sea islanders, a girl must be tattooed sky blue and wear a nose ring.

The hand-made shoe industry is still of great importance in Spain.

## Struthers Will Run As Progressive Elections

Chairman of School Board Resigns to Test Feeling of Ratepayers

Although he has the privilege of continuing in office for another year, R. H. Struthers, chairman of the Bassano school board, resigned at the last meeting. His object is to run again on a platform of enlargement of school facilities and if elected will deem it that the ratepayers are in favor of his policy.

Mr. Struthers believes that a continued advancement in educational affairs in Bassano is very necessary and includes in his platform, medical inspection, public nurse and the building of an addition to the school.

The greatest distance at which timber can be hauled is fifteen miles.

Ireland is more than twice the size of Denmark and Switzerland combined.

Nominations were read for that town council, school board and hospital commission at the town hall Monday.

Mayor H. O. Bredin was returned by acclamation, and Robt. McLean was elected to the hospital board to succeed A. L. Scale, by acclamation.

Five candidates for school board were nominated and four have to be elected. Four candidates for the town council were nominated and three have to be elected. The nominations were:

For mayor, H. O. Bredin, nominated by M. Milroy and E. F. Maurer.

For hospital board, Robert McLean, nominated by E. F. Maurer and E. P. Robinson.

For council, E. P. Currie, nominated by A. T. Connolly, nominated by R. A. Travis and H. Bacon; A. McKee, nominated by M. R. Milroy and E. F. Maurer; Harry Holmes, nominated by L. D. Nesbit and Mrs. J. Pigeon; H. J. Pigeon, nominated by M. R. Milroy and E. F. Maurer.

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Children of Today Are the Parents and Citizens Of Tomorrow. In Come the Days of Salada Will Be in Their Hands.

### FOR THE VERY LITTLE ONES

There was a man and he had a horse. And Roberts came to rob him. He crept up to the chimney top. And there they thought they had him.

But he got on the other side and Roberts could not find him. He ran fourteen miles in fifteen days.

And never looked behind him.

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Here's a poor widow from Baby-  
ton.  
With six poor children all alone;  
One can bake and one can brew;  
One can spin, the fine old spin;  
One can bake a cake for East, Come,  
choose you West,  
Come, choose you the one that  
you love best.

There is a little lion in front of our house surrounded by lions, and the other morning Jack Frost had been making a very pretty picture out of these same bushes. The ground was white and the bushes were glistening. I thought it was a wonder.

"Well we don't have to go so very far away from home for a pretty scene after all." Have you noticed that some people think that the only beautiful things in the world are those which they have travel weary miles to see, and I often think when they have travelled half over Europe, and have been to all the big cities, that all the beauty they could find in them have really seen very little more than is happening every day around them, but which they are too blind to observe. Every time I have a talk with my wife, and if we love nature and learn to look at the snow or wheat clad prairies with eyes of love, we see new beauty in them every day. Let us who have come to appreciate the land in which we live and to feel that it has its compensations for the mountains and trees and streams which we love.

It is easy to make a simple little boat that will move along in the water without mechanical assistance of any kind. Cut out a thin strip of tin foil in a shape something like a boat, about two inches in length, with a triangular nick at the end. The tin foil must be very thin. Then place this upon the surface of the water so that it will float.

Now take a piece of camphor

(To be Continued.)

### GULLIVER IN LILLIPUT

An establishment of six hundred domestics was also arranged for him. Further three hundred laborers were engaged to wash his suit of clothes after the fashion of the country. The land appeared, he says, like a continual garden and the enclosed fields which were generally forty feet square resembled so many beds of flowers.

Proclamations were issued directing all who had beheld the Man Mountain as he was called to the court house, and welfare room to come within fifty yards of his house without license from the Court, "whereby the Secretaries of State and Admiralty will be sent FREE to RETURN MAIL."

One day the Emperor wished Gulliver to stand up like the Colossus with his legs apart and he marched his troops under him. The troops thus engaged numbered four thousand foot and a thousand hand.

At last, upon certain conditions, Gulliver was given his liberty and was allowed to see the capital. The people of the city, however, were not at all pleased with his arrival, and they will not let you go unless you are "locked up" for a week. The particularities of one such stay condition is that you will be compelled to sit in a chair for ten hours a day, and be entitled to one of the lowest prices in town. You will be sent FREE to RETURN MAIL.

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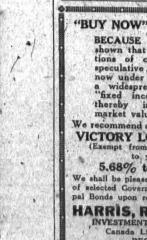
All you have to do is to mail this contest to us to find Santa Claus, mark the garter with your name and address and get your photo taken. We will then forward you an "Inkless Photo" of yourself and your photo will be published in the paper. The particulars of one such stay condition is that you will be compelled to sit in a chair for ten hours a day, and be entitled to one of the lowest prices in town. You will be sent FREE to RETURN MAIL.

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### JERRY ON THE JOB----"Lem 'em Strike"



### THE MAIL, BASSANO, ALTA.

## CUTICURA HEALS RASH ON CHILD

On Body and Face. Red and Itchy. Cried For Hours. Lasted Year.

A rash started all over my little girl's body, and she had come on her mother's back. She was so bad that she was full of water, and it got red and ugly. She would cry and cry, and it would last a year.

"I used to use Cuticura Soap and Clement. I bought more, and it worked well. I am sending you a sample of Cuticura Soap. Dore, Langley, 1325 Main Street, Victoria, Que., August 11, 1918.

The Cuticura Soap Trio consists of Soap, Oil and Cream. Cuticura is an indispensable adjunct of the daily toilet in maintaining the skin in a healthy condition. Soap 25c, Cream 25 and 50c. Sold throughout the Dominion. Call or write for sample. Cuticura Soap without soap.

## Women's Corner

A FEW RAMBLING REMARKS BY A PRAIRIE WOMAN

Of all the people with whom I have come in contact, clever and otherwise, there stands out in bold relief, the sweet, kindly woman of whom we have heard here for about two years. She came to this home stained and weary, after a long journey over ocean and land, and never shall I forget the charm and kindness of her warm welcome as she accepted me into her happy home.

In that home the secret of its success was found in the mother's bright, happy aspect. Whatever she was doing, she had an understanding smile and an encouraging word from her. She was actually the sum of that establishment. When she was out it seemed a dead and cheerless place indeed.

In these days when so many things in the world seem to be changing, some of the most basic principles are still likely to turn topsy turvy if we are not careful. One of the fundamentals is that it is a woman's special vocation to make home a comfortable and pleasant place for her children to live in. It is her duty to make the home a happy one, so that they may have a good glimpse of the blue sky and the bright evening cloud. During the whole time Rita and his companion were in our little home, they seemed to have great pleasure in the company of the children.

Now take a piece of camphor and from it cut off a piece of a pen knife, like a piece of a small pen. Place this upon the end of the tin foil boat at the angle of the nick so that while resting on the water it also just touches the water. Then place the two tin boats begin to do so long as the camphor touches the water. By cutting the foil a little curved or like a horse shoe in shape, we have a boat which will travel round and round in a circular dish or basin. A skilful boy will continue to do so long as the camphor touches the water.

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**Heart Balm**

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suit yesterday was taken up in cross-examination on the letter that passed between Mrs. Baker and Mr. G. Long, Mr. J. A. Varley, and H. A. Smith, who acted for the plaintiff and J. M. McDonald, for the defendant.

**BAKER COUPLE ARRESTED ON A PERJURY CHARGE**

CALGARY.—Bur. Clinton Baker, of Tacoma, Washington, plaintiff in the suit of Baker vs. Long, in which he sued Long for \$12,000 for alienation of his wife's services, was arrested by Detective Constable Cox of the City Police force in Friday evening on a charge of perjury, following the dismissal of the suit by Mr. Justice McCarthy in the supreme court. Mrs. Baker was also arrested on a charge of perjury. The trial will appear before the magistrate in the legal, police court this morning.

The perjury charge was laid as a result of the statements made by Mr. Baker during his examination for discovery before Justice C. C. Clark, Clerk of the supreme court, on May 2, 1920. At that time he swore that he did not at any time live with Mrs. Baker at Tacoma, and that he and Mrs. Baker never lived together as man and wife.

This was contrary to evidence given by Mr. and Mrs. Hill with whom the Bakers boarded while residing at Tacoma. Mr. and Mrs. Hill stated that the Bakers had been their guests for some time and that they had seen Mr. Baker in Mrs. Baker's bedroom on numerous occasions and they presumed that he was living with her.

The couple can be expected to defend themselves against the accusation that they did not find the defendant guilty under the circumstances and dismissed the case with each party to pay their own costs.

The man has excited considerable interest as the defendant. Captain G. W. Long is 65 years of age, and is one of the most prominent ranchers and farmers in the Basano district. He was originally a citizen of Chehalis, Washington, and Joseph Myers, chief of the Chehalis police, has his home in Ms. Long's for the past 25 years, testified to his character during the second day of the trial.

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**NOTICE**  
TOWN OF BASSANO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1920

Public Notice is hereby given that an election will be held for the office of councillors of the Town of Bassano for the years 1921 and 1922 and for the position of mayor on the 10th day of December, 1920, between ten o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the afternoon at the Town Hall, Bassano, and that I will at the town hall, Bassano, on Monday the 13th day of December, 1920, at 7 o'clock in the afternoon, sum up the votes and declare the result of the election.

And further take notice, that at the same time and place as above mentioned, a poll will be held for the election of coroner for the year 1921, in the afternoon at the Town Hall, Bassano, and that I will at the town hall, Bassano, on Monday the 13th day of December, 1920, at 7 o'clock in the afternoon, sum up the votes and declare the result of the election.

Given under my hand as Bassano, this 6th day of December, A.D. 1920.  
Leonard D. Neibert  
Returning Officer

**U. G. G. Convention**

Recommending more than 35,000 shares in the new proposed co-operative grain elevators, the delegates to the United Grain Growers convention yesterday after unanimously endorsed the proposal of the Canadian Council of agriculture for the creation of a farmers' co-operative handling the wheat crop of 1920 and future crops in Saskatchewan. Co-operative Elevator company, at a meeting in Regina on Wednesday of this week, carried a resolution to commit the company to a 50% increase in its shareholdings and the total number of shareholders whose representatives have endorsed the scheme are therefore approximately 60,000. The committee of Canadian council of agriculture, which drafted the proposal, reported that with 75,000 contract elevators, representing eight and a half million acres of wheat land, this gigantic undertaking can be launched successfully. The Canadian council of agriculture endorsed the council's plan, which represents a great body of farmers, both those in the membership of these two companies and others.

Apparently thereafter, it is the co-operative, held this week reflects the opinion of the farmers of the west, as may be assumed, the Canadian council of agriculture may now feel confident in proceeding with the detail of their plan.

The committee by whom the plan of the wheat pool was drafted consists of H. W. Wool, president of the United Farmers of Alberta; and a member of the Canadian wheat board; Mr. Edward Sanderson, well nigh 100 years old.

The verbiage is prefaced with the following words: "Composed by Robert Burns, and presented to the subcommittee addressed upon behalf of the members of the pool, who had been sent to dine with them to add to the entertainment of the company, along with whom company he had been asked to go on an excursion to Banff Park. On presentation of the plan, he turned on his heel and returned home."

The verses are as follows, a copy of the poem having been brought to Calgary by Mr. Robert Ure, barrister.

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Far above all other presents that you might send a gift of solid gold is appreciated. For beauty and true worth it is far superior as a Christmas present.

**Brooches      Watches      Lavallieres  
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**A. P. CONNOLLY**  
Jeweler and Optician

BASSANO

ALBERTA

### BRITISH PRICES

What do our people think of the following food prices which obtain in comparison with the prices they are called upon to pay at home:

Eggs, 11 cents each.

Four pound loaf of bread, 30 cents.

Bacon, \$1.08 cents per pound.

Mutton, 60 cents per pound.

Pork, 49 cents a pound.

Beef, 80 cents a pound.

Bar of soap, 23 cents.

Butter, \$1.20 a pound.

Nor is this the worse of Britain's trouble. Food prices have caused a further increase in the price of commodities, while the recent advance granted the miners means a stiffer price for coal.

Labor rates are going down on the continent, but are going up there. Wages are higher than there.

The living cost problem is not sectional or even national. It is worldwide in its scope and perhaps hours less harshly on this continent than on any other portion of the world.

### THE BASSANO MAIL

Published at Bassano, Alberta every Thursday.

Leonard D. Nesbitt, Publisher.

### THE SCHOOL SITUATION

The local school is overcrowded and additional accommodation has to be found. With a tight money market and a heavy debt on the town, the school board is in a quandary. The local school is the best asset the town has and to neglect it would be a very short-sighted policy. At the same time the taxes are very high in Bassano, and it doesn't do to add too many straws to the camel's back. Ratepayers are invited to express opinions on this subject and The Mail will readily grant space for letters on this subject.

### THE NEWSPAPER SITUATION

While there is a decline in prices in certain articles, the probability of any lowering of prices in newspaper costs appears exceeding slight. On the contrary, prospects are for additional rises in certain lines and the situation appears extremely serious for Canadian papers. In January the post office department increases the rate of postage by a considerable amount, in some cases the increase being 200 per cent. Then newsprint gives indications of soaring in price and wholesale houses predict a jump of \$30 a ton. The effect is soon noticeable. In Moose Jaw, the two daily newspapers announce a combining and rumors are afloat regarding other changes in the daily newspaper world.

The one great danger lies in the probability of influential newspapers falling into the

hands of wealthy interests with objects in view not altogether to public interest. The publication of ownership of all newspapers and periodicals should be enforced by law.

### Editorial Notes

With fingers crossed and an apprehensive lookout nor' east, we remarks that this is glorious California weather.

Without a dance floor, a skating rink, a curling rink, or even a respectable blind pig, amusements are at a premium in Bassano.

Laugh, and your friends laugh with you, but they don't always vote the way they laugh.

The unsuccessful candidate should frankly and truthfully credit their defeat to the fact that too many electors voted for the other fellow.

An attempt was made to sidetrack the Hanna hospital proposition through a sleek piece of work. There seems to be a lot of opposition to these hospital schemes until the hospital is actually in operation and a few of the electors get sick.

Mayor Bredin is elected to serve another two years as mayor of Bassano. He has given a great deal of time and attention to town affairs and Bassano can consider itself fortunate in having a citizen capable of doing the work and willing to do it.

Remember, but three councillors and four trustees have to be elected. Voting for none or less than number spoils the ballot.

Farmers are entitled to fair representation in the government and we believe the farmers will be the means of a great advancement in the industry in Canada as long as they keep to fair and rational policies.

### Looking Backward

#### FROM FILES OF THE MAIL

Nov. 1914.—The Alberta Electric Co. offered the town council the telephone plant to \$50,000, six per cent premium.

Sgt. Johnson, who has been in charge of the mounted police division here for the past four years, has been moved to Banff.

The Bassano Hockey Club has been reorganized with G. M. Pierce president, C. T. Mitchell vice-president, Geo. Sanderson, secretary and Harry Smith and E. R. Muir, executives.

On Monday while J. G. Gandy was looking for stray cattle in the territory east of Crawford Valley, he caught him down and killed a wolf. He received \$125 for it.

The retail merchant is evidently in

for a rough passage between his slow

paying customer and the wholesaler

jaded from the following letter

which was sent out to retail mer-

chants:

It is no secret that the nervous

sky farmers are not paying their

tax bills because they are holding

their grain for higher prices. It

can be argued, with equal truth,

that grain prices may drop.

The farmer has been supplied with

the requirements on the distinct un-

derstanding that he pay for same

when he threshed.

It is not reasonable then that the farmer should speculate with money that at this season of the year belongs to the retailer.

You should make every effort to compel your customer to sell sufficient of their grain now to at least pay their store accounts. If they desire to speculate they can do so by buying "Futures."

In order that the wholesaler may carry on, it is imperative that he should collect from you, and this can only be done, by you collecting from your customer.

Remember your credit standing is next year depends on your collection now.

The wooden clothes pins used annually in the United States take 200,000,000 feet of lumber.

It has been estimated that about 2,000,000,000 chicks are hatched in the United States every year.

## High Grade Merchandise

Specially Reduced for Xmas Selling



**LADIES' BLOUSES**—In crepe-de-chene, georgette and wash silk, just 50 in the lot, sizes 36 to 44, collars can be worn high or low, prices ranging **\$6.50 to \$13.50** all at a new Xmas price.

**SWEATERS**—Monarch Knit Sweaters in slipover or coat styles, all colors, prices ranging from **\$3.50 to \$15.00**.

Make your selection early for they are going at prices to clear them.

**ITALIAN SILK UNDERWEAR** in pink, blue, white and ivory, bloomers and envelope styles **\$4.50 to \$7.00**.

**CAMISOLES**—In crepe-de-chene, wash silk, embroidered tops, with or without straps and some with elastic inserts, from **\$2.00 to \$4.50**.

**FANCY BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS**—A large assortment to choose from, boxed 3 to a box **40c to \$1.50 box**.

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## The Personal Side

PROMINENT WESTERN CHARACTERS—SOME INTERESTING ANECDOTES OF PEOPLE WE ALL KNOW

The Hon. E. L. Wetmore

The Career of a Great Judge, Mayor of Fredericton; Leader of New Brunswick Conservative Opposition. Thirty Years Judge of Supreme Court of Saskatchewan. Now Living Retired in Victoria, B.C.

### THE STRANGE STORY OF A WARRANT THAT WASN'T

Probably no citizen of Saskatchewan stands higher in the esteem of the whole community than Ex-Chief Justice, the Honorable Edward Ludlow Wetmore. It is thirty-three years since he came to East Assiniboin from New Brunswick on his appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court of Saskatchewan.

Socrate wrote: "For things belong to a judge; to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially."

Another great philosopher, Bacon, laid it down that "Judges ought to be learned than witty, more reverenced than plausible, and more advanced than confident; above all things integrity is their portion and proper virtue." Judge Wetmore has measured up to these requirements to a very remarkable degree. The only exception that might be taken is perhaps to the word reverence. The judge is a great man, but he is not a saint.

He is too much the alert man of the world, too much a practical citizen and man of affairs, too much a keen incisive man of business and a man not only learned in the law but skilled in its practice and administration, to suggest anything reverent or solemn.

And yet I suppose, no judge who has sat on the Canadian Bench ever had a more unaffected, natural and genuine dignity, or maintained more consistently the highest judicial traditions. No one ever took a liberty with Mr. Justice Wetmore. The world has already put on record a sketch of the first sitting of the Supreme Court at Whitehorse. It will be recalled that when the Judge took his seat there were no members of the Bar present.

#### Bar at the Bar

As a matter of fact the three leading lawyers of the Bar of the newly-named Judicial District were completely屏风ed by the movement of cigar and cigar-rolling. They were all of a very different kind of bar from that to which they had been called. Judge Wetmore, instead of waiting for their appearance adjourned the court till the afternoon when the three were more than on time. They received a judicial wagging which seemed the puncticual attendance of the three. He probably did not tell them that it was realized once and for all that Judge Wetmore would stand no slackness, but would exact for his office and his court a due and proper measure of respect and consideration.

#### Early Conditions

In sizing up the scene which Judge Wetmore rendered the conditions were such that in the east day must be born in mind. For one thing there was only one railroad through Eastern Assiniboin, and a great deal of the Judge's work lay at distant points necessitating long journeys on the trail in kinds of weather. The country was practically unbroken, and it was not until 1873 that the rail road finally followed a road allowance.

It was this that the primeval to subject, and nature in all new countries seems to have a trick of throwing every possible difficulty in the way of those who would change the course of ages and make the world a better place. The difficulties in dealing with a civilization was not so severe as that which the pioneer settlers of Ontario went through, yet it was severe enough.

Compared with conditions in new Territories over the border things in the Canadian Territories were quiet and law abiding. The streets of the towns were clean and the boundaries well marked. The country was practically unbroken, and it was necessary that a man travel far to find a road followed a road allowance.

Man was brought into subjection, and nature in all new countries seems to have a trick of throwing every possible difficulty in the way of those who would change the course of ages and make the world a better place.

With the coming of the railway the situation changed. The introduction of the steam engine and the use of the telegraph and the telephone made the world a smaller place. The public interest was taken care of by a fellow townsmen. It was also my duty to prosecute a Town Councillor for refusing to pay a town license. Judgment went against him. He was obstinate. The local Corporal of Police went out and arrested him on the ground that he was about to shoot himself. A certain Mr. Maguire was in my office. He did so reluctantly and it was understood that it was not to be served unless absolutely necessary. Tony and I both went to dinner, and left the warrant on my table. The constable had a key to my office which occasionally served as a temporary holding cell.

The Story of a Warrant

My first illustrating realization of the Judge's high standard of honor and justice arose in this way. I tell the story for the first time, for the principals actors, with the exception of myself, are now dead or scattered.

At the time I was on the Commission of the Peace, but had not been sworn in. In passing I may say that it was necessary for a Justice of the Peace to be sworn by a Judge, and I was not so keen on being an active J.P. as to journey to Moosemin. The law was then such that a Justice of the Peace could not be sworn in by a fellow justice. I was also the town clerk and other things. As Town Clerk it was my duty to prosecute a Town Councillor for refusing to pay a town license. Judgment went against him. He was obstinate.

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The Corporal sent the defendant go to his stable and jumps to the conclusion that the defendant is going to abscond. He hurries up to my office; no one is there; but the warrant is on the table. He removes his hat, turns down the stable and attempted to get it. I said, "Reach down to the table where it lies, and take it across the head with it, with intentions of hitting him in the head if he didn't get out." The Corporal, a German, was yellow. He got out with his warrant unsewed; and took the warrant back to the magistrate who had issued it, reporting the assault.

The defendant had no intention of absconding, and being still on deck he was prosecuted for the assault on the officer and committed for trial. At the preliminary hearing, which took place in my office, the case was handled for the prosecution by a lawyer named William White, Q.C., who at that time was the Captain White whose name has been prominent of late in connection with the profiteering Board, of which he was secretary. I suggested that the prosecuting counsel—whose name I withhold, although he died some years ago—should draw up the warrant of commitment, and that there were numerous ensnarements, I made a fair copy, and as I have a natural objection to anything, I kept the rough draft.

The case came on for trial. The reader will realize that to commit a violent assault on a police officer in the course of his duty is a serious offence, and that the law says that Dunces will have to meet with a heavy sentence. But the Judge said that the warrant of commitment was taken under a wrong section, and that all the defendant was really charged with was a common

assault. To this Dan pleaded guilty and was fined fifty dollars. Judge Wetmore made some scathing remarks about the Whitewood magistrates who could make such a stupid mistake in committing the defendant.

I was not in Court at the time, but the matter was reported to me. That evening I sent a letter over to the Judge stating the facts, and enclosing the rough draft in the handwriting of the lawyer which I said I thought he would recognize. I did not ask the Judge to do any simple favor, but I did ask that the other public prosecutor be responsible, and I said to myself, "If Judge Wetmore is a man and a gentleman he will make amends for what he has said about the Whitewood J.P.'s." Next morning I made a short address to be present at the old Agricultural Hall where the opening.

Immediately after taking his seat the Judge referred to the matter, expressing his regret at the injustice he had done to the J.P.'s, and publicly placing the blame where it really belonged. And the lawyer who had made the mistake was sitting in Court at the moment.

Judge Wetmore does not know, and no one but myself, knows, a very remarkable feature of this case. If Judge Wetmore had known it I don't know what he might not have said.

After the Corporal had returned the warrant to the magistrate, the magistrate came to me, and shut the door behind him with great care. He produced the warrant which had caused the assault.

"Look here" he said, "this warrant isn't signed!" And it was not. It was merely a wretched scrap of paper that the Corporal had tried to serve. I hope that it would not be noticed he had tried to serve, but the warrant was found in it and without examining it had gone ahead on the strength of it.

"What shall I do?" said Tony, the J.P.

I intimated that it was none of my funeral as I hadn't issued the warrant.

"But what would you do if you were me?"

"Well," I said "if I were you I think I should sign it and keep my mouth shut. Nobody knows but me and you, and if you keep your mouth shut I'll keep mine."

And he signed it. Whether Tony ever told anybody I don't know. I have kept my mouth shut about that unsigned warrant till this day.

If the Chief reads this story I think he will probably chuckle a little. Whether Tony was good or not I have not prepared even now to say; but it is satisfactory to know that a fine of five dollars met the justice of the case.

### MR. WETMORE'S CAREER IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Scholar, Lawyer, Mayor and Legislator

Edward Ludlow Wetmore was born on March 24, 1841, at Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick. He early breached a profession, becoming his father's Notary Public. His father, Mr. Wetmore, was clerk of the Legislative Assembly. His mother was of U. E. Loyalist descent, being a daughter of Colonel Richard Ketchum, of Woodstock, N.B. The boy was educated at the Grammar schools of Fredericton, and Gagetown, and at the New Brunswick University, where he graduated a B.A. with honors in 1863.

Some fifty years afterwards—in 1908—the University of New Brunswick conferred on him the degree of LL.D.

In 1864 he became barrister; in 1881 he was advanced to the dignity of K.C. by the Marquis of Lorne, and in 1886 he was elected a member of the Legislative Assembly, where at an earlier period he was sometime a deputy clerk of the Council.

In 1872 Mr. Wetmore married Eliza J., daughter of Mr. Charles Dickson; and in 1886-7 (when he was appointed to the Supreme Court,) he was president of the Barristers' Society of New Brunswick.

His wife was very loyally confined to the law. He took an active part in civil and political life of his native province.

For one thing there was only one railroad through Eastern Assiniboin, and a great deal of the Judge's work lay at distant points necessitating long journeys on the trail in kinds of weather.

The country was practically unbroken, and it was necessary that a man travel far to find a road followed a road allowance.

It was this that the primeval to subject, and nature in all new countries seems to have a trick of throwing every possible difficulty in the way of those who would change the course of ages and make the world a better place.

#### Politically Appreciated in New Brunswick

Sometimes complimentary, valedictory, dinners are more the expression of a veiled relief than of any real regret, but the following brief account has a very different ring about it from anything of the kind, and indicates a genuine sense of loss and gave one the impression that the people of Fredericton felt and knew that New Brunswick was losing one of her worthiest and most distinguished sons.

The Maritime Farmer of the 14th August, 1887, contained a report of a "grand banquet" given to Mr. Wetmore at Fredericton by the Farmers' Union, two representatives of the social, business and political life of the province, and of both political parties, sat down to the festive board, and heartily occupied their departing fellow-citizen. Chief Justice Allard occupied the chair, and Judge Fraser, the vice-chair; and when the toast was "the government," Mr. Honorable George was proposed, it was received with fervent enthusiasm. The report continues: "When Justice Wetmore rose to reply it was several minutes before his voice could be heard. The warm complimentary remarks of the Chief Justice in proposing the toast were responded to with a hearty "Hear, hear," and when he spoke from the heart. He had known Judge Wetmore when a boy in his own office studying law; he had watched the young manward course in the profession till the highest round was reached; he knew him as the Chief Magistrate of Fredericton, and in the social relations of life, and in all these positions had he recognized in him a genuine sense of integrity, of great ability, and one whom it was a pleasure to honor."

The report concludes by saying that "Justice Wetmore's repartee was as eloquent as it was feeling."

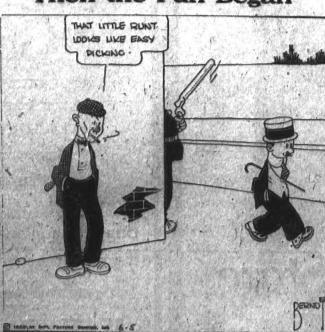
This was not the only expression tendered of esteem and regard. Among other evidences was a dinner given by friends and admirers in St. John, N.B.

It will be seen from the foregoing that Judge Wetmore, when he came to the rest camp with a very brilliant record of public service to his native province, from 1883 to 1886, was received with a hearty welcome.

After residing at Fredericton for many years Mr. Justice Wetmore succeeded the Hon. Mr. Maguire in the Chief Justiceship, a position which he filled with dignity and honor. He retired from the Bench with the respect and admiration of all; and has now for some time resided in Victoria, B.C.

The last writer heard of him was the author of the splendid chair, but was abiding the same indomitable spirit which characterized him throughout so many years of his long and brilliant career of public usefulness and service.

### Then the Fun Began



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## Liberty Calendar

The curious hodgepodge by which we reckon time has been in use so long that we have grown accustomed to its inconveniences and do not realize its absurdities. It has remained for a group of business men in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to suggest a movement to bring out-of-date recording time into systematic use. As one instance of the present absurdity of the calendar, February 29th, though always because Caesar Augustus jolted that his month of August contained only thirty days while July, named after Julius Caesar, had thirty-one, nevertheless retained the extra day to his month, robbing the same from February.

The men who are behind the campaign are Canadian, and it stands for a plain and simple method of reckoning time which ought to have the sympathetic support of every one except the calendar makers, for with the adoption of the new plan no one will have any use for a calendar at all.

The plan is to divide the three hundred and sixty-five days of each year into sixteen equal months of twenty-eight days each, the extra month being known as "Liberty" and placed between February and March. The first day of Liberty is February 29th. Every year, at entry, the first day of September and the last day of October, and also the first day of October, and also the last day of September, will not be included in any week or month. The first day of each month will be Monday, and the last day of each month will be Sunday. The eighth, fifteenth, and twenty-second of every month will always be Monday; similarly with all the other days of the week.

But little consideration is necessary to see the advantage of this. One would know instantly on what day of the week any given date would come. Holidays, annual leave, pay for the payment of notes or meeting legal obligations—there would be no need to refer to a calendar to see on what day of the week they fall. Employees paid by the month would receive their wages twice weekly, service in one month, and thirty and thirty-one in others. Rent likewise would be paid for equal periods. Many other advantages.

The officers of the Liberty Calendar formed the French Academy of Sciences favors their plan and will adopt it at their meeting in Paris. The League of Nations. As soon as the United States becomes a member of that body, it is arranged that United States Congressmen, Senators of Minnesota, and United States Delegates to the League of Nations, will introduce a joint resolution in the House and Senate requesting the League of Nations to call a conference to consider the matter to be held in Washington, D.C., the following year, to be attended by delegates from all the nations belonging to the League.—Popular Magazine.

### The Baby

I am the Baby. I am the youngest institution in the world—and the oldest.

The Earth is my kingdom when I come into being and when I go leave it to the next generation of babies.

My mission is to leave the Earth a better place than I found it.

With my million little Brothers and Sisters I can do this. The World does not possess too many handicaps.

Now I need pure milk and fresh air and play.

When I am a little older I shall need good schools in which to learn the Lessons of Life.

I want to live, laugh, love, work, play.

I want to hear good music, read good books, see beautiful pictures.

I want to build houses and roads and to help the children.

I want to walk in the woods, bathe in the waters, and play in the snow.

I am Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

If you will make my way easy now, I will help you when you grow up.

I am your hope—I am the Baby.

--SMILES--

That Planned Her Down

"Mother, I just took a splinter out of my hand with a pin!"

"A pint! Don't you know that's dangerous?"

"No, mother, I used a safety pin."

Why He Raised the Price of Milk

"One of my cows swallowed my pocketbook," announced the cattle milkman.

"Well, what's in it?"

"Forty dollars."

"Well, I hope your milk will be a little richer," said the grumpy customer.

## CURRENT COMMENT

ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST TO DWELLERS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES OF CANADA

A SERIES OF ARTICLES DEALING WITH VARIOUS WESTERN QUESTIONS

### WHAT THE GOVERNMENT'S HOME RULE BILL GIVES TO IRELAND

In a recent speech at Carnarvon, Wales, Lloyd George put forth the advantages to Ireland contained in the Government Home Rule Bill, a bill which Mr. Asquith has designated as a "paltry compromise." By the enforcement of this bill the Irish would obtain: the whole control of their education—higher, secondary, elementary; the whole control of licensing; the whole control of agriculture; the whole control of mines and quarries; the whole control of every factory and workshop. The assize court; the court of quarter sessions, the police court, the county court; all would be under the control of the Irish Parliament.

Public health, not an unimportant matter for the people of any country, charities, old age pensions, health and unemployment insurance, housing, labor exchanges, friendly societies, public works and most of the taxation except Customs and Excise would be controlled by the Irish Parliament, also all the Irish railways.

Mr. Lloyd George also explained that the money which the government had advanced to Ireland contained with which to buy land, and which the Irish are paying back in annuities is being handed over to the Irish Parliament to enable it to conduct its business. In regard to giving Ireland Dominion Home Rule, Mr. Lloyd George says: "There are men who would say give Ireland Dominion Home Rule. I have asked repeatedly in the House of Commons, on the platform, of deputations of Labor, of deputations from Ireland, for the power to speak for their country who would say he would accept Dominion Home Rule. Ask Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. De Valera, Mr. John McNeill and whether you like it or not, there is not one of them who will tell you they will accept Dominion Home Rule."

There is no doubt about it that the Irish problem is a very involved one, and from a Canadian viewpoint the more we read about it the more of a problem does it become.

### THE PRICE OF WHEAT AND A FEW OTHER THINGS

The downward trend of wheat prices has had a discouraging effect upon business in the West. Unfortunately a number of farmers were not satisfied with the prices that prevailed earlier in the season and instead of marketing their grain stored it, with the result that the wheat movement was not as free as was expected, and a considerable personal loss was experienced by those hoarders. Wages have also gone down, and there has been a general tightening up all around.

Yet, these conditions are not unhealthy ones. Wheat prices for the last few years have been at an artificial height; the common necessities of life have gone skyward; and owing to conditions engendered by the war the whole American continent has been passing through an era of extravagance.

It was desirable—indeed inevitable—that there should be a reaction, and those economists who were watching the situation were hoping that the decline would be gradual.

There are indications that this is what is happening. Meat, which for the last few years has been a luxury only for the rich is now again appearing on the tables of those in moderate circumstances; clothing is coming down in price; and there are indications that we are again returning to the normal. It is to be regretted that falling prices should entail personal inconvenience on a considerable section of the community but that is the price that must be paid sooner or later for a period of inflated values.

The high price of wheat could not prevail for any length of time. It would have meant putting the price of bread almost beyond the reach of millions of industrial workers both on this continent and in Europe; and would have resulted in the impoverishment of a great portion of our rich agricultural lands of the west. Our farmers were growing wheat to the exclusion of other branches of agriculture; and experience elsewhere has proven that if this practice is followed out for any length of time, the land becomes exhausted, and general conditions become bad. Iowa is probably the richest state in the Union agriculturally, and it has become so by the farmers realizing that the real destiny of their fertile acres was to provide feed for live stock. Western Canada is still a young enough country to produce vast quantities of wheat, but it is a well recognized principle of agricultural economics that diversified products are the most successful contributors to real prosperity.

The downward trend of wheat prices is therefore not an unmixed evil. It was bound to come and although it might be delayed, it was as inevitable as the dawn. If a period of adjustment and retrenchment is upon us we must make the best of it with willing hands and cheerful hearts secure in the knowledge that our country is young, strong and of extraordinary resource.

### Need Not Eat Whole Eggs

The late Ambassador, Walter Hines Page was formerly editor of "The World's Work" and, like all editors, was obliged to refuse a great many stories. A lady once wrote him:

"Sir: You sent back last week a story of mine. I know that you did not read the story, for as a rule you read together pages 18, 19 and 20. Please send it back with these pages pasted; and so I know you are a fraud and turn down stories with ready stamp."

Madame Page wrote back:

"Sir: At breakfast when I open an egg I don't have to eat the whole egg to discover it is bad."

Is It Permanent?

Taken in our drowsy condition, we often wonder what's to be done.

"Well," said one, "what's to be done?"

"Suppose we shall have to wait for the sun to come up?"

"Not likely," said the other;

"We shall have to wait for the lawyer now."

### Tried and Not Found Wanting

Sam, who covets the "baas" pants—“Boss, ab ja can't clean dem pants of your n.”

"Boss—" Have you tried gasoline?"

"Sam—" Yes, sah, it don't do good."

"Boss—" Well, try ammonia."

"Sam—" I've done tried 'em on, boss, and day fits me fine."

**A Cash Transaction**

Two tramps had followed a wealthy man through many miles of streets waiting for a favorable opportunity to rob him. Suddenly he stopped near the residence of a lawyer, ran up the steps, rang the bell, and was admitted.

The tramp looked at each other in silence.

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# Pithy Paragraphs For Busy People

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN TERSE TERMS

## Gross Impertinence

Sir Edward Carson has denied that he was summoned to appear before the self-appointed committee of 100 members at Washington, who were investigating the Irish situation and added that he would regard such an invitation as a gross impertinence.

## To Employ Blind

In employments in many of the Boston stores have made arrangements so it will be possible for sightless men to certain departments furnished on that there in them. This is part of a wide plan to relieve otherwise competent people from the drudgery of their chief calling and other wider work.

## Oil Leases Filed

Thirty-six oil lease contracts of oil lands were filed in the Grande Prairie land office recently. It is understood that most of the filings were made on behalf of the Imperial Oil Company. The lands covered are near the British Columbia boundary.

## Mail in Ship Dispatched By Fox

The United States steamer Philadelphia, which sailed from New York on November 17 for Caracas, La Guaira and other ports arrived at San Juan, with virtually all the mail, except for three small and one small and her cargo and baggage either destroyed or badly damaged by fire. The blaze is believed to have started in the mail room amidships early in the morning.

## Always Get That Man

Another tribute to the ability of the North West Mounted Police is contained in the story which comes from the Manitoba Provincial Police. Louis Houle, an Indian of the English Reserve, was captured October 2 and sent to Dauphin jail for a series of thefts. He was to stay eight months, but escaped November 2 and returned to the reserve. The police, however, had followed the Indians up to a police residence and satiated him with a bullet and a load of his mail and her cargo and baggage either destroyed or badly damaged by fire. The blaze is believed to have started in the mail room amidships early in the morning.

## Women Demand Clean Bill of Health

The Toronto Liberal Women's Association has passed a resolution in favour of more stringent regulations with regard to the issuance of marriage licenses, stipulating that a physician's certificate should be an essential condition.

## Burned to Death

Six men were burned to death recently in a fire at the Parish mine of the Railway Fuel Company, nine miles south of Jasper, following a gas explosion in the mine. Ten others were injured, but all were saved, and three of them died tonight.

According to miners who escaped injury, twenty men went into the mine when operations were suspended a full hour down of more than a week, and when the first squad of workmen had progressed about half mile within the drift, a terrible blast occurred. Rescuing parties were immediately sent into the mine, but the cracked mine, removing the dead and injured. The cause of the explosion has not been decided.

## Autumn Plunges Through Ice

John Fagnani, 24 years old, his sister, 20, and brother, 16, and wife, Edith, bedded down in a snowdrift in Lake Louise, not far from Prince Albert when a car which Fagnani was driving on the ice broke through into 24 feet of water. Another, 16, who was in the car, was rescued. The brother has not been recovered. Members of the Prince Albert Division of the Provincial Police have gone to the scene of the drowning.

## University Lectures Underpaid

At a meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of Toronto, some days ago, Angus McMurtry, K.C., making a plea for better pay for professors and students, said that railway workers, from \$200 to \$250 per month, and conductors as high as \$425 per month. He said that to compare these wages with the pittances received by university lecturers would be to painful to the lecturers.

## Ex-Prisoners Rob Jail

Two prisoners from the Ontario industrial farm walked into the Port Arthur jail last night and stole \$1,000 from the safe. They left the jail without being noticed. While the night watch was conducting one of the to the prison, the other opened the jailer's cabinet and forcing the lock on the money drawer obtained \$160 in cash and a \$60 bill and revolver.

It is believed they boarded an eastbound Canadian Pacific train and effects being made to capture them.

## Low Cattle Prices

The low prices of cattle and grain, fetched by high class bills at the winter fair here. Whereas such animals used to bring \$1,000 to \$1,500, the cream of the Shorthorn offerings, Nonpareil Comet, was bought by Fred Davis, M.L.A. for \$11.

## British Farmers for Oil

It is reported that an influx of less than 10,000 immigrant farmers is expected from England and Scotland to open up the Province of Alberta, provincial minister of agriculture, who has just arrived from England, after a stay of some four weeks, says that the daily class of ten thousand immigrants will have a considerable amount of ready cash with which to purchase farms and implements.

## Soviet Oil Statistics

Russian Soviet authorities have estimated that the unemployed in the United States total number, 5,000,000 by the end of the year, and two representatives of the Third International have been sent to the Soviet Union.

## Bullets in Heart

A bullet fragments of Omaha, has bullet in his heart, and is still alive. He told the police that he was shot by his wife who met him at the door and fired point blank, he declared. The bullet, the police stated, had passed through three miles away when he received medical attention. He was removed to a hospital and an X-ray taken, which showed the bullet nestling in his heart.

## No Big Oil Strike

Officials of the Imperial Oil Company in Calgary have denied a dispatch as follows: "Montreal, Oct. 20—After keeping secret a strike of oil at Great Slave Lake, 'Our Well at that point is down only 300 feet,' said one of the officials. The Vancouver office, which handles the production, was then handed back to Peace River Crossing by a cordon of police from going into the far north was also declared as utterly absurd by those in touch with the situation. Two or three partners are McMurray preparing to go in, but that is all."

## Residents of Vancouver Shot

Frank Myring was taken to the General Hospital, Vancouver, yesterday in a brain hemorrhage, still in a "conscious condition, being the victim of some one who carelessly handling fire arms. He was walking along the street with his wife when she heard him behind him. His wife, bending down to aid him when he fell, only escaped a second bullet which whistled over her head.

## Woman Dies in Well

A Galician farmer of the Horse Lake district, Saskatchewan, met his death in his own well, in the presence of his wife, family and some neighbors who were powerless to help him. The cribbing in the well collapsed and the water began to creep up slowly until it reached the top of the well. His wife, bending down to aid him when he fell, only escaped a second bullet which whistled over her head.

## Teachers Resign

A large number of Port Arthur's women teachers have sent in their resignations because of failure in the Board of Education to meet their demands for a new salary schedule for 1924.

## Chicago Saloons and Cabarets Close

It is stated by the federal authorities that Chicago will be closed to tourists and will be the dry city of the United States by Christmas, federal state and city officials declared recently that they had taken part in a drive on liquor dealers which included suits to close 72 saloons and 180 other places, and federal indictment of 31 persons on charges of conspiracy to violate the Volstead Act.

## Bumper Crop in Australia

An atmospheric conditions continue favorable in Australia and a large harvest is looked for. The area under cultivation has been increased by many thousands of acres, due to the better outlook and the Federal Government's guarantee of 2s. 6d. over the State Government's 2s. per bushel.

## Dead May Yet Tell Tales

Dr. Gustave Geley, director of the Royal Ontario Museum, has issued a warning to the public that he is not one of the best known authorities on anatomical states that crime can be abolished by making it impossible for a criminal to go undetected through the residue of communication with the dead.

## Bomb Explodes in London Building

A bomb exploded at 1 p.m. in the morning recently, in a building occupied by a Jewish merchant in Old Swan Lane, near London Bridge. A floor of the building was blown out and nothing was injured. The bomb had apparently been left in the building in suitcase with a time fuse attached to it.

## Armenian Menstrual Disease

Divided into 35,000 parts were found in the possession of members of an alleged drug ring who appeared in court recently according to police reports. Seven members implicated in the sale of drugs and the sale of salvebreakers, from \$200 to \$250 per month, and conductors as high as \$425 per month. He said that to compare these wages with the pittances received by university lecturers would be to painful to the lecturers.

## High Price Demanded for Wheat

It was stated recently that an effort was being made to get \$1,500 a bushel to have the wheat on the Board of Railways Commissioners caused by the death of Commissioner A. S. Goodwin filled by the appointment of a representative letter man. The letter man, it is stated, will be pleased to be represented on the board by an experienced railway man.

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THE MAIL, BASSANO, ALTA.

# "Martha"

or  
THE HOME OF  
HER ADOPTION

B.Y.L.

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## Farmers' Winter Charge

A man who was dedicated to give his name, but who said he was a fine Feiner and a native of Dublin, was arraigned in the police court recently on a charge of disorderly conduct with the intent to annoy, vex, abuse.

He is twenty-eight years of age and is accused of having fired at the officers. His bullet went astray and killed a constable in charge of a police force that had been in his possession.

He was remanded to prison for one week.

## Farmers' Winter Charge

J. Carruth, secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta, recently made a speech at the secretaries' convention that the Methodist and other churches "were not doing any good work in the community." Carruth's reply from W. H. Cashing that the farmers are not supporting the churches and if it were for the city's support the rural church could not exist.

He added that the farmers are

not the ones who are

conducting the Methodist conference every year.

## Tories Dislike

Conservative in Alberta cannot agree on a leader. The southern element want a southern man, and the northern are desirous of a northern chieftain.

Last session James Ramsey of

Edmonton was elected to the

outset that he would not attempt to dictate their course, but he did not follow their own devices largely as he did not know his own party.

Now George Headley, a former

farmer, is contradicting each other as to the manner in which Ram-

sey's selection was brought about.

## Died Fresh Water

John F. St. John, 102 years old

died at Appenzell, Switzerland, recently as the result of a weak sting on the lip.

The old lady had feared doctors all her life and had never had any medical treatment.

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tection was then handed back to Peace

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## Martha Given to Friend

Mr. McKenna, residing at 232

Manitoba Street East, mistook a bottle

of Carbolic acid for a bottle of col-

ic acid and drank it.

The Providence Hospital in a serious con-

dition.

She swallowed the poison shortly before eight o'clock: the

evening the hospital authorities an-

nounced that her condition was as good

as could be expected under the cir-

cumstances.

## Wife of Body

Two residents of Kootenay Valley

were found in a small hole which they

had seen an unknown man burying,

thinking that it was a whisky cache.

When opened it was found to

contain the corpse of an infant about

that age.

The police were informed of the dis-

covery and the remains were con-

veyed to the coroner.

The police are investigating the

murder.

# McKEE'S STORES

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## Gifts for "HIM"

Make McKee's Men's Department your headquarters for Christmas Gifts. Do not fail to examine our window and see the large display of suitable gifts.

Jaeger socks black and white, Jaeger house slippers, Jaeger wool Scarfs, Jaeger Shirts, Jaeger caps, Jaeger gloves, Jaeger sweaters, Jaeger bed socks.

Silk arm bands, pure linen and silk handkerchiefs, suspenders, silk scarfs, men's spats, men's laundry bags, men's belts, men's cuff links, dress and silk shirts, bath robes, smoking jackets, pyjamas, night robes, fur caps, mocha lined mitts, silk lined gloves, garters, club bags and suitcases.

### Men's Neckwear

Varietd assortment of beautiful ties in Christmas boxes or unboxed, no two patterns alike. \$500 worth of fine stock priced

**\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50**

Do you want to buy a Dress, a Blouse or a Skirt

Here are a few splendid values

**A Black Messaline**

36 inches wide at per yard

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A good wearing silk, just the thing for a separate skirt, a dress or a blouse

**Lovely Striped Blousing**

36 inches wide, per yard

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**Washable Satin**

in white, flesh and maize, makes very beautiful underwear, 36 inches wide, special per yard

**\$1.95**

See our lovely display of Georgette Crepe de Chene, Habutai and Pongee Blouses and Smocks ranging from

**\$5.00 to \$20.00**

We are also carrying a large range of

**Ladies' Kid Gloves** in gray, tan, brown, reindeer, white and black.

**Handkerchiefs**

Beautiful handkerchiefs in a large variety of patterns from 15¢ to \$1.50 each. Boxes at - 50¢ to \$2.50

Here's a snap in

**Pillow Cotton**

42 inches for 55¢

### Do You Know That the Shopping Days for Christmas Are Limited

Why put off till the last minute, when early shopping will give you a larger display to choose from. We wish to say that if you are having trouble to decide on what you wish to buy our clerks are at your service and will only be too glad to help select something from our large display.

### Local and Personal

Mrs. T. H. Hunter and children spent a few days in Calgary.

Mrs. King and Mrs. Milroy were visitors in Calgary for a few days.

Mrs. A. F. McCallum spent a few days in Calgary.

A baby girl was born to Rev. and Mrs. Green at their home in Brooks.

Mrs. Howard Nesbitt of Brooks, and son Jackie, have been visiting Mrs. L. D. Nesbitt.

H. W. Ford was appointed secretary of the hospital commission at a salary of \$400 per annum.

Ray Tuham of Calgary, who is interested in farming in the district, was in town for a few days.

Mrs. J. L. Tognan, spent the week end in Calgary with her cousins, Mrs. B. B. Levi, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. M. A. Barron.

Miss Nan Pateff, E. F. Purcell, Fred Waugh and Jerome Chisholm motored to town from Brooks last Sunday.

The Women's Guild of the Anglican church will hold an afternoon tea and sale of work on Saturday, Dec. 11th from 3.30 to 6.00 p.m.

Although the weather has kept unusually fine, business has been fairly good at Bassano stores. Chinook winds have been prevalent and the fall has been a glorious one.

The Mail understands that W.H. Smith of Lomond, has taken over the Massey-Harris implement agency and will bring his family to Bassano shortly.

W. B. Steel and Ike Roberts left this week for Sarnia, Ontario, and other places in that vicinity. This is Mr. Steel's first trip home in 15 years.

Thanks to town engineer the kids will have a skating rink. He proposed to the council that he be permitted to float a patch of ice for the children and the councillors agreed it was a good idea.

Joe Tobin, one of the stars of the Calgary baseball team, was in town last week with a Mrs. Tobin. Joe visited Billy Fetter, an old comrade on the diamond, and had a pleasant chat over old years.

Mr. Smith, a former principal of Bassano schools, wrote a local friend from Toronto stating that he personnel has been well received by the public. The Mail with considerable interest. He is in the produce business with his father.

In the list of prizewinners at the Bow Valley Fair, an error was made unintentionally failing to give justice to Walter by Walsh Bros. who won first and second in the men's and gelding class and first in saddle horse ridden by man.

On Wednesday, December 15th, the Bachelor Girls are putting on a dance in the former Trading Co. store, as a farewell to Leap Year 1929. This is known as "last chance" so the evening should be taken. Mrs. Traiford's orchestra will provide the music.

If your paper does not come regularly please advise the publisher once. Errors in addressing occur at times and prompt reporting by subscribers checks these.

W. C. Long, a young farmer north of Brooks, was sued for \$12,000 for alienation of the affections of the wife of H. C. Baker of Tacoma, Washington. The suit was dismissed and Baker's wife arrested on a charge of bigamy. The Calgary papers reported Mrs. Long, a resident of the Bassano district, but in reality she lives four miles north of Brooks. Long is a married man, 65 years of age and with a grown up family.

Walter Kegan, of the Round T Ranch, showed a burst of speed and quick firing on hunting last which caused him to win the bill and turkey key. He wagered Mrs. Kegan a dollar that he could go down to the turkey shoot, win a turkey and meet her in five minutes at Stiles' drugstore. He lost no time in getting to the shooting range and soon rang the bell, winning a turkey. Fast time was made to Stiles, and hoisted in under the five minute limit

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